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SUBJ: INCB - REPRESENTATIONS TO AFGHANISTAN

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1. MISSION OFFICER HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SEE COPY OF FOLLOW-UP LETTER SENT BY INCB PRESIDENT TEUTER ON BEHALF OF BOARD TO GOA PRESIDENT DAOUD, DATED MAY 26, 1977.

2. LETTER BEGINS BY SAYING THAT BOARD HAS FOLLOWED WITH CLOSE INTEREST ACTIVITIES OF GOA, AND PROGRESS MADE WITH ASSISTANCE OF UNFDAC AND DND, TO STOP ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN OPIUM AND OTHER DRUGS FROM AND THROUGH AFGHANISTAN SINCE 1973. IT ALSO NOTES WITH SATISFACTION INCREASED EXTENT TO WHICH GOA HAS TAKEN PART AS OBSERVER AT CND AND AS MEMBER OF SUB-COMMISSION ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST. LETTER STATES THAT, AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, BOARD IS DISAPPOINTED AND CONCERNED TO LEARN THAT, ALTHOUGH WORK AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND RELATED ACTIVITIES CONTINUES IN AFGHANISTAN WITH INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT, AND AT SAME TIME AS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE URGENTLY TRYING ASSIST GOA OVERCOME ILLICIT DEMAND FOR

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DRUGS IN ONE PART OF AFGHANISTAN, THERE HAS NEVERTHELESS BEEN A MARKED AND APPARENT INCREASE OVER LAST TWO YEARS IN ILLICIT CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPY AND PRODUCTION ILLICIT OPIUM, THE FORMER EVEN ALONG MAIN ROADS AND ON LAND WHERE OTHER CROPS CAN AND ARE BEING READILY GROWN. LETTER THEN STATES CONSIDERED VIEW OF BOARD THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY ENDANGER AIMS OF SINGLE CONVENTION, TO WHICH AFGHANISTAN

IS A PARTY. TEXT OF TWO CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS FOLLOW
(COMPLEMENTARY CLOSE OMITTED):

3. " UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, YOUR EXCELLENCY, I AM REQUESTED AND REQUIRED BY THE BOARD, AND IN MY CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, TO ASK THAT YOU WILL BE SO GOOD AS TO ARRANGE FOR AN AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN TO BE PRESENT AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE DURING THE NEXT SESSION OF THE BOARD WHICH WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA BETWEEN THE 17 OCTOBER AND THE 4 NOVEMBER 1977. I AM FURTHER REQUESTED BY THE BOARD TO ASK YOUR EXCELLENCY TO PLEASE ARRANGE FOR THIS OFFICIAL TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH SUCH EXPLANATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY REGARDING THE APPARENT CONTINUANCE AND INCREASE OF ILLICIT OPIUM PRODUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN AND TO OUTLINE SUCH REMEDIAL MEASURES AS THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN PROPOSES TO TAKE WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT THE PROBISONS OF THE 1961 SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS ARE EXECUTED IN THIS AND IN ALL RESPECTS."

4. II HAVE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD, ALREADY ADDRESSED A TELEGRAM TO YOU ON THIS SUBJECT. THE BOARD WISHED ME TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN TO YOUR EXCELLENCY WITHOUT DELAY IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PUT REMEDIAL MEASURES INTO EFFECT PROMPTLY AND BEFORE THE NEXT OPIUM POPPY PLANTING SEASON BEGINS."

5. COMMENT: LETTER CONSTITUTES APPROPRIATELY STRONG FOLLOW-THROUGH TO CABLE REPORTED REFTEL. ALTHOUGH IT DOES CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT REFER TO ARTICLE 14 OF SINGLE CONVENTION, IT WAS FRAMED IN TERMS APPROPRIATE TO ART 14. SINCE ART 14 INVOLVES CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BOARD AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, IT IS URGED RECIPIENTS TREAT AS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL OUR KNOWLEDGE OF BOARD COMMUNICATIONS TO GOA ON THIS TOPIC.

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